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1. THE CONCLUSION THIS WEEKEND OF THE GREEK-TURKISH CYPRIOT TALKS IN VIENNA RECEIVED MODERATELY HEAVY PLAY IN THE TURKISH PRESS MONDAY (MAY 5).

2. SENSATIONALIST GUNAYDIN AND LIBERAL MILLIYET GAVE THE STORY TOP FRONT PAGE PLAY WHILE MOST OTHER PAPERS USED FRONT PAGE STORIES WITHOUT BANNER HEADLINES. GUNAYDIN'S HEADLINE DECLARED "THE REAL BARGAINING WILL TAKE PLACE IN JUNE--ACCORDING TO OBSERVERS, RE-OPENING NICOSIA AIRPORT

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HAS GREAT SYMBOLIC SIGNIFICANCE--THE PARTIES SHOWED FOR

THE FIRST TIME THEY COULD REACH AGREEMENT ON A SUBJECT."
IN CONTRAST TO THE OPTIMISTIC TONE OF GUNAYDIN'S COVERAGE,
MILLIYET'S STORY WAS CONSIDERABLY LESS HOPEFUL. ITS HEAD-
LINES READ: "IF JUNE 5 TALKS FAIL, POSSIBILITY OF A CLASH
INCREASES--CLERIDES: I EXPECTED A BETTER RESULT FROM VIENNA."

3. MILLIYET'S STORY, BY CORRESPONDENT SEMIH KOHEN, WAS
BASED ON AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH CLERIDES, WHO
REPORTEDLY "EXPRESSED HIS DISSATISFACTION" AT THE RESULTS
OF THE VIENNA TALKS AND DECLARED THAT HE HOPED THE TURKS
WOULD COME BETTER PREPARED TO MAKE SUGGESTIONS AT THE NEXT
ROUND. HE SAID THE GREEK CYPRIOT SIDE WANTED TO DISCUSS
THE TOTAL AREA TO BE UNDER TURKISH CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATION
BEFORE DETERMINING THE FINAL FORM OF FEDERATION.

4. MILLIYET ALSO CARRIED A BRIEF STORY UNDER A WIRE
SERVICE DATELINE WHICH QUOTED A SPOKESMAN FOR UN SECGEN
WALDHEIM AS SAYING THAT FOREIGN MINISTERS CAGLAYANGIL AND
BITSIOS POSSIBLY WOULD MEET THIS MONTH. THE SPOKESMAN SAID
THE MEETING WOULD TAKE PLACE EITHER IN BRUSSELS OR DUBLIN
AND WOULD INCLUDE OUTSTANDING GRECO-TURKISH DIFFERENCES,
INCLUDING CYPRUS.

4. IN THE ONLY SIGNIFICANT EDITORIAL COMMENT NOTED IN
MONDAY EDITIONS, MILLIYET EDITOR ABDI IPEKCI SAID THAT THE
GREEKS HAD RETURNED EMPTY-HANDED FROM VIENNA BECAUSE THEY
HAD REFUSED TO MAKE LONG OVERDUE CONCESSIONS. IPEKCI
DECLARED THAT A SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM WILL BE
FOUND ONLY IF NEGOTIATORS ARE ATTENTIVE TO THREE "REALITIES":
-- THAT NO CONSTITUTION WHICH WOULD ENABLE THE CENTRAL
GOVERNMENT TO OPPRESS THE TURKISH MINORITY WOULD BE
ACCEPTABLE.
-- THAT A DIVISION OF THE ISLAND'S TERRITORY STRICTLY ON
THE BASIS OF ITS POPULATION RATIO WOULD NOT BE "CORRECT".
-- THAT PAST EVENTS HAVE SHOWN THAT THE GREEK AND TURKISH
CYPRIOT POPULATIONS CANNOT LIVE SIDE BY SIDE IN A SYSTEM
OF DISPERSED CANTONS.
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